

From: Chris Nevers
To: Personal Email / Ex. 6
Cc: Group.OTAQPUBLICWEB@EPA
Subject: Fw: Your EPA Inquiry - Check Engine Light
Date: 09/04/2008 08:12 AM

This is in response to the issue below regarding the check engine light illumination in a 2008 Cummins diesel truck.

The check engine light, or malfunction indicator lamp (mil), may illuminate for several reasons. Cummins has issued software updates for some of their 2008 model year Dodge trucks in order to address mil issues. Please confer with your dealer to insure that the latest Technical Service Bulletins have been applied to your vehicle. These TSB's should be free of charge.

It has come to our attention that another TSB or recall maybe be issued soon to address possible "false" mils pertaining to some emission control hardware. If this turns into a recall, you will be notified by the manufacturer. A TSB may require you to again contact the dealer on your own volition.

Finally, filter regeneration may require increased engine loads. Ideally, the diesel particulate filter will burn off soot during a high temperature regeneration event. Restricting filter regeneration to high temperatures insures that the particulates in the filter are combusted as cleanly as possible. A heavy duty truck with a diesel particulate filter (DPF) that is continually run at idle or in only light load conditions would represent the most likely scenario for a DPF mil. If the dealer cannot remedy the solution, I would try 30 minutes of continuous highway operation to clean out the filter.


Thank you for your interest in the environment!

Chris Nevers
Light Duty Vehicle Group
EPA

If you have further questions or information pertaining to the cause/ fault codes behind the mil , please reply.

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Sent by: Cheryl ONeal

To: Chris Nevers/AA/USEPA/US@EPA
cc
Subject: Your EPA Inquiry - Check Engine Light 

Received Date:
09/03/2008 07:36 AM
Transmission Date:
09/03/2008 07:36:10 AM


Hi Chris,

Arvon says to forward this to you for a reponse.

Thank you!
Cheryl

▼ Cheryl ONeal/AA/USEPA/US

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To Arvon Mitcham/AA/USEPA/US@EPA
cc Group OTAQPUBLICWEB@EPA
Subject Re: Your EPA Inquiry - Check Engine Light 

Received Date:
09/02/2008 09:07 AM
Transmission Date:
09/02/2008 09:07:42 AM

Okay, thank you Arvon!

▼ Arvon Mitcham/AA/USEPA/US

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To Group OTAQPUBLICWEB@EPA
cc Cheryl ONeal/AA/USEPA/US@EPA
Subject Re: Your EPA Inquiry - Check Engine Light 

Received Date:
08/29/2008 01:45 PM
Transmission Date:
08/29/2008 01:45:05 PM


This issue should be forwarded to Christopher Nevers in CISD.

The issue/question is related to the diesel particulate filter, not just the check engine light.

-ALM

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Sent by: Cheryl ONeal

To Arvon Mitcham/AA/USEPA/US@EPA
cc
Subject Your EPA Inquiry - Check Engine Light 

Received Date:
08/13/2008 09:43 AM
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08/13/2008 09:43:58 AM

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Personal Email / Ex. 6 -- and please cc "**Group OTAQPUBLICWEB@EPA**" so I can close it out on our end.

Thank you!

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To Group OTAQPUBLICWEB@EPA
cc

Subject FWD: I just bought a new 2008 Dodge
with a diesel engine. The vehicle is
equiped w...

Received Date:
08/11/2008 04:12 PM
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08/11/2008 04:12:53 PM

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The following incident has been forwarded to you by Public Access.
Sender's Comment

Public Access received this message via the EPA Web site. We are forwarding
it to OTAQ for a direct response. Thank you.
Contact Information

Email Address: **Personal Email / Ex. 6**
First Name:
Last Name:
Type:
Title:
2007 Excellence App: No
Zip Code:

Reference #080807-000113

Summary: I just bought a new 2008 Dodge with a diesel
engine. The vehicle is equiped w...
Rule State: 4 c. Public Access - End State
Topic Level 1: Air
Topic Level 2: Emissions
Date Created: 08/07/2008 06:04 PM
Last Updated: 08/11/2008 04:10 PM
Status: Unresolved
Assigned:
Response Effort: Quick < 5 minutes
Transferred to Other:
Transfer From:
Disaster Related: No
Press Release - GovD: No
Flag for Report: Yes
State of Interest:
Date/Time of Inquiry: August 07, 2008 21:54:43 GMT
IP Address: 12.189.32.37
Insert SA Answers: No

Discussion Thread

Customer - 08/07/2008 06:04 PM
I just bought a new 2008 Dodge with a diesel engine. The vehicle is equipped
with the new diesel particulate filter that is 2010 compliant. I only have
5000 miles on the vehicle and the check engine light has already come on

twice requiring two trips to the dealer to service the new exhaust filtering system. The system can be cleaned temporarily but will be a reoccurring problem. Are there any plans for a new type of exhaust filtering system for diesel engines as this system is ineffiecient and causes more pollution than it prevents?